

**Annual Meeting Minutes of the Metro Detroit USBC Association
Sunday, January 5, 2020 at Bowl One Lanes, Troy**

MDUSBC President George Bresinski called the annual meeting of the Metro Detroit USBC Association (MDUSBC) to order at 2:01 p.m. at Bowl One Lanes in Troy, Michigan.

In attendance were 50 registered members.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Ann Block conducted the memorial service honoring bowlers who had passed away in the previous year. A special tribute to Roger Schildroth, past president of Michigan State USBC Youth was part of the service.

Scott McLeod moved to dispense with the reading of the previous minutes, supported by Anita Maiorana. Motion carried.

President's Report

President Bresinski reported activities from February 3, 2019 to present.

He worked the USBC Youth Open and Junior Gold Championships at Sterling Lanes. He also attended the Junior Gold finals at Thunderbowl Lanes. He conducted and assisted in two MDUSBC officer schools.

He appointed board members and volunteers to various committee with the most recent appointment of Scott Barker to the board.

He attended and helped administer the Masters, Senior Masters, Super Senior Masters and Queens Championships. He also assisted in the Michigan State USBC Masters and Senior Masters. Additionally he officiated in all of the MDUSBC Women's and Men's Series events.

He bowled in the Gavie, McKay Invitational, Metro Detroit USBC Open Championship, Michigan State USBC Open Championship and the USBC Open Championship.

He assisted in the all of the Youth and Adult Bowling Showcase Challenge tapings at Merri-Bowl.

He attended all of the awards banquets along with the Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame banquet in October held at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia. He also attended the Michigan State USBC Jamboree in Mt. Pleasant.

He made honor score several presentations including several eagles to MDUSBC members who won top honors at the 2019 USBC Open championships.

He attended the 2019 USBC Convention and if elected will attend again in 2020.

Vice-President Libbi Fletcher accepted a motion from Anita Maiorana to accept the President's Report, supported by John Vorpagel. Motion carried.

Association Manager's Report

Association Manager Mark Martin thanked the board and staff for their hard work during the past year of operations of the MDUSBC. He also thanked the leadership from President Bresinski.

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Membership is down 3.7% overall with adult membership down 3.7% and youth membership even. The final figures for the 2018-19 season were 38,132 adults and 2,165 youth. Last year at this time, MDUSBC had 35,734 adult members and 1,786 youth members. This year we have 34,417 adults and 1,787 youth. This includes 3,414 that have purchased the Adult Basic, which is available to those leagues that bowl 16 weeks or less. A total of 402 have purchased the Premium Upgrade, which entitles those bowlers to crystals awards for 11-in-a-row, 300 game and 800 series. This still makes the Metro Detroit USBC Association the largest local association in USBC with over twice as many members as the next largest association, which is Chicago.

We've continued our delivery system this season. With the system, we deliver on a weekly basis to all bowling centers in our association awards, rosters and other reports. Additionally league secretaries can send back to the association office through the system by having the counter put the information in the "blue" bucket.

Communication is the key to an organization such as ours. In that regard we have continued our website www.mdusbc.com with updated information as news occurs. We've continued the Bowling Showcase News, a 12-page monthly bowling newspaper with all the bowling news you need to know in the Bowling Capital of the World. Thanks to local writers Ann Block and Libbi Fletcher. Also thanks to national writers Bob Johnson and Jeff Richgels. We hope you are enjoying the news.

Additionally we stay in contact with our members using Constant Contact e-mail program. Over 20,000 of our members have e-mail addresses, which is over 50% of our adult members. It is a great tool and very cost effective.

Speaking of communication Bowling Showcase is our television show. It airs each week on WADL-Detroit, Channel 38, on Saturdays at 10 a.m. There will be 31 original shows airing a total of 38 times. The show includes a Magazine edition featuring bowling events throughout the association and the Detroit market. The Youth Challenge edition features 8 teams competing in single Baker Style games, single elimination to crown the champion. The Adult Challenge edition has 16 teams. Thanks to all of the sponsors and bowling centers that have financially supported the show. It's been a great success.

The MDUSBC Masters is coming up Jan. 18-19 at Astro Lanes in Madison Heights and MDUSBC Senior Masters Tournament is Feb. 8-9 at Mayflower Lanes in Redford. There are still openings in both.

There are 60 bowling centers in the MDUSBC with 1,964 lane beds. With our membership, the MDUSBC is the largest local association of the United States Bowling Congress. As a result, we can send a maximum of 30 delegates to the USBC Convention in Las Vegas on April 27 – 30. We will be electing delegates to the USBC Convention later in the agenda. Delegates are expected to represent the association at the national convention, attend workshops and seminars and participate in the annual meeting. Additionally elected delegates are expected to render volunteer services to the association between the time of election and the time of serving as a delegate. Between now and the convention the association has an event each weekend so there's plenty of opportunities.

The Michigan State USBC Open Championship opens Jan. 18 at Merri-Bowl and Westland Bowl. The Michigan State USBC Women's Championship opens February 15 in Muskegon. The Michigan State USBC Youth Championship starts March 14 in Bay City and Essexville. The State Youth Pepsi Tournament will begin May 2 in Jackson.

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The USBC Open Championship opens March 21 in Reno, USBC Women's Championship April 18 in Las Vegas and USBC Youth Open July 8 in Las Vegas.

Kurt Suokas moved to accept the Association Manager's report, supported by Libbi Fletcher. Motion carried.

Awards and Recognition Committee Report

Mike DeRousie, chairman of the Awards and Recognition Committee, gave the report.

He reported that MDUSBC has developed the benchmark program in the country. The program is structured to fit bowlers of all abilities. The program includes pens, decks of cards, towels, watches, lighted key chains, pins, cell phone chargers and mouse pads to present to bowlers who have bowled a good, but reachable score.

In response to the national change to once-per-lifetime 300 and 800 awards, MDUSBC created the Premium Upgrade for \$15 per year. This entitles those that opt in to receive crystal awards for 11-in-a-row, 300 game and 800 series. The awards are also available for purchase for \$30. He also reminded those in attendance the members are still eligible for a lifetime 300 and 800 from USBC.

End-of-season league award kits are available upon request.

We are always looking for Secretary of the Year and Coach of the Year candidates. The application is on mdusbc.com and the deadline is April 1.

Stephen Krywy moved to accept the Awards & Recognition Committee report, supported by James Horton. Motion carried.

Nominating Committee Report

Stephen Krywy, chairman of the Nominating Committee, made the announcement and procedure for floor nominations. The agenda package included the resumes of those who had applied and were reviewed by the Nominating Committee.

He asked for nominations from the floor for adult director and youth representatives on the board. Robert Black and Lauren Krywy were nominated from the floor for adult director position.

The election was held later in the meeting.

Finance Committee Report

Mike DeRousie, chair of the Finance Committee, gave the report. The financial statements have been reviewed by Hoffman Accounting and found to be in order. The budget for the 2018-19 fiscal year was a deficit of \$23,610. The final result was a positive income of \$14,821. Year end reports are available on the website under Board Information. The approved budget for the current 2019-20 fiscal year is a deficit budget of \$26,350 and we are currently on target to meet that goal. There are sufficient reserves to cover the deficit.

The board receives Profit & Loss, Balance Sheet and Statement of Cash Flows reports each month. The Finance Committee receives monthly general ledger reports with all financial transactions. The officers and Finance Committee chair receive a copy of the bank statement each month.

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The Association Manager salary is \$73,500 per year. The Board approved a \$3,500 bonus in recognition of his excellent performance review. He spends numerous hours in addition to his normal schedule during the weekends from September through May working for the Association.

The profit & loss statement is broken down by tournament. In the 2018-19 fiscal year there was aggregate tournament income of \$191,504 with \$187,094.31 in tournament expenses for a net gain of \$4,409.69. As you can see, other than restricted funds, our intention is that tournaments are self-sustaining causing neither a drag on the budget, thanks to our sponsors, nor a notable source of income.

Scott McLeod moved to accept the Finance Committee report, supported by Anita Maiorana. Motion carried.

Tournament Committee Report

Mark Martin reported on the adult tournaments including the 500 Club, Queens, Super Senior Masters, Masters and Women's & Men's Series.

The 500 Club Tournament was held Sunday, Dec. 1 at Bowl One. 110 women bowlers participated and had a good time. Thanks to Libbi Fletcher and Kurt Suokas for running the event.

Nicole Wilson won the MDUSBC Queens Championship held at Merri-Bowl in October. The event attracted 33 entries.

Joe Krajenke won the MDUSBC Super Senior Masters Championship at Harbor Lanes in November. 82 bowlers participated, up from 62 the previous year.

Justin Knowles successfully defended his MDUSBC Masters title.

This is the ninth year of the Women's Series and second for the Men's Series. Entries have been very encouraging for both. The events have been averaging 35 women and nearly 50 men. Brandie Reamy and Gerald Johnson won their respective "cups".

Thanks to all who have helped during these events including George Bresinski, John Vorpapel, Kurt Suokas, Stephen Krywy, Ashley Krywy and Doug Williams.

Anita Maiorana moved to accept the Tournament Committees report, supported by Pat Klix. Motion carried.

Youth Committee Report

Ann Block, chair of the Youth Committee, gave the report.

The MDUSBC Youth Championship was held at Century Bowl with great cooperation and hospitality from the center. Results are posted on mdusbc.com. Woodhaven Bowl-A-Rama will host the 2020 event.

The Adult/Youth tournament will be at Bowl One Lanes, the first two Sundays of March with two squads each day. Mark Hurttgam will be the tournament supervisor on site. The 2021 event will be at Woodhaven Bowl-A-Rama.

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The Junior Masters will be held Saturday, March 21 at Woodhaven Bowl-A-Rama and the 2021 Junior Masters will be at Mayflower Lanes.

Youth were again part of Bowling Showcase.

Five youth were awarded \$1,000 scholarships in 2019. They were Ann Osinski, Danielle McBride, Ryan Beaty, Sam Scheuher and Sean Tinsley.

She thanked the MDUSBC office staff for their work on youth tournaments and programs.

The MDUSBC Youth Banquet will be Sunday, June 7 at DeCarlo's.

Sue Hyvonen moved to accept the Youth Committee report, supported by Robert Black. Motion carried.

Charities Report

BVL

Libbi Fletcher reported on Bowlers to Veterans Link (BVL). BVL is celebrating 77 years this year. Fundraising includes a Michigan Lottery evening 3-digit raffle conducted in November 2019 and over \$9,000 from 100 leagues on a voluntary envelope basis

Each year MDUSBC offers a Christmas luncheon at Thunderbowl for the PRRC Department at the John Dingell VA Hospital in Detroit. This year MDUSBC, through a grant from BVL, presented 20 iPads with a charging cabinet and 3 iMac computers to be used within the department.

BVL nationally presented a check for over \$1 million dollars on Veteran's Day at Arlington National Cemetery, where Vice-President Pence delivered the message.

BVL is recognized as a Top-Rated Non-Profit by Great Non-Profits. BVL only uses 6% of the donations for administrative costs.

Bowl for the Cure

Libbi Fletcher reported for Bowl for the Cure. In the past 13 years over \$200,000 has been raised locally for Bowl for the Cure. A Michigan Lottery evening 3-digit raffle will be conducted in April to raise additional funds for Bowl For The Cure and envelopes will be distributed to leagues to solicit donations from league members.

This year's event will be at Bowl One Lanes on Saturday, Feb. 29 at noon. Entry forms will be on mdusbc.com.

Last year MDUSBC raised over \$28,000 for Bowl For The Cure.

McKay Invitational

Mark Martin reported that the McKay Invitational tournament in early December at Sterling Lanes raised over \$11,000 for the Karmanos Cancer Institute and the International Bowling Hall of Fame and Museum. 60 bowlers participated in the event. Steve Scherle and Tim McKay won the event, while Phil and Hank Giacona earned their place on the toilet seat for finishing last.

Thanks were given to the McKay Committee, especially Kevin Wojcik.

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Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Election of the Youth Representatives to the Board

Election for Youth Representatives on the board for two-year terms. The nominees were Ann Block, Hark Hurtgam, Ashley Krywy, Rose Mason and Randy Tambourine.

With five candidates for three spots, a ballot vote was conducted.

Result of the election was Block 44, Hurtgam 33, A. Krywy 29, Tambourine 25 and Mason 8.

Block, Hurtgam and A. Krywy were elected to a two-year term as youth representatives on the board.

Election of Adult Directors

Election of adult board members for two-year terms: The nominees were George Bresinski, Michael DeRousie, Libbi Fletcher, Anita Maiorana, Rose Mason, Kurt Suokas and Douglas Williams. Robert Black and Lauren Krywy were nominated from the floor earlier in the meeting.

With nine candidates for six spots, a ballot vote was conducted.

Result of the election was Fletcher 46, DeRousie 45, Bresinski 44, Maiorana 36, Williams 31, Suokas 28, L. Krywy 15, Mason 12 and Black 9.

Fletcher, DeRousie, Bresinski, Maiorana, Williams and Suokas were elected to a two-year term as adult board directors.

Election of delegates to the Michigan State USBC meeting

The MDUSBC is entitled to seven delegates to the Michigan State USBC meeting.

Nominations were taken from the floor. Nominated were George Bresinski, Michael DeRousie, Mark Hurtgam, Patricia Klix, Ashley Krywy, Martha Marshall, Mark Martin, Carol Roberts, Kurt Suokas and John Vorpapel.

With 10 candidates for seven positions, a ballot vote was conducted.

Result of the election was Martin 38, Bresinski 37, DeRousie 34, Vorpapel 33, Hurtgam 29, Klix 27, Marshall 22, Roberts 21, A. Krywy 21 and Suokas 19.

Martin, Bresinski, DeRousie, Vorpapel, Hurtgam, Klix and Marshall were elected as delegates to the Michigan State USBC annual meeting. Roberts, A. Krywy and Suokas will be alternates.

Election of delegates to the USBC Convention

The MDUSBC is entitled to 30 delegates to the USBC Convention. Nominations from the floor were taken.

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Richard Banks, Robert Black, Ann Block, George Bresinski, Michael DeRousie, Libbi Fletcher, James Horton, Vera Johnson, Patricia Klix, Ashley Krywy, Stephen Krywy, Anita Maiorana, Diane Maluzhinsky, Martha Marshall, Mark Martin, Hubert Sawyers, Rosie Sawyers, Kurt Suokas, John Vorpapel and Doug Williams were nominated.

Kurt Suokas moved to elect USBC Delegates by acclamation and authorize the MDUSBC President to appoint delegates to open positions, supported by James Horton. Motion carried.

Richard Banks, Robert Black, Ann Block, George Bresinski, Michael DeRousie, Libbi Fletcher, James Horton, Vera Johnson, Patricia Klix, Ashley Krywy, Stephen Krywy, Anita Maiorana, Diane Maluzhinsky, Martha Marshall, Mark Martin, Hubert Sawyers, Rosie Sawyers, Kurt Suokas, John Vorpapel and Doug Williams were elected.

Adjournment

Scott McLeod moved to adjourn the meeting, supported by Kurt Suokas. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mark A. Martin
MDUSBC Association Manager